

MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH

May 6, 2015 – 5:30 pm – Downstairs Meeting Room
Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Nelson, Chair, Albert (Al) Cummings, Christopher Boutwell & Gina McNeely R.S., CHO
Guests: Lisa Hassay RN, Montague Town Nurse

Michael Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Review March 18, 2015 and April 1, 2015 Minutes:

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the minutes March 18, 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the minutes April 1, 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Director's Report for March 2015

Directors report tabled till May 20th meeting

Gina gave a quick update on 110 and 132 L Street.

- Bob Obear and Pioneer Redevelopers are in progress of renovating these 2 properties.
- 110 L Street for a walk through with David Jensen and Kathern Pierce. There are new water heaters, mold remediation a crew of 35 individuals are working.
- 132 L is broom clean at this point in the receivership programs.
- J Street is in the process of being renovated and things seem to be moving along.
- 104 Third Street – First Floor is rented and Gina has been in conversation with Peter Quintana
- Note: Gina has done a grant for sharps with Deerfield and Greenfield

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Director's report for March 2015. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

Health Inspector's Report for March 2015

- a) Kathern spoke to Catherine Skiba regarding a site assignment for 119 Old Sunderland Rd. At this time no action will be taken.
- b) 11 Central Street is boarded up at this time; it is possibly in a foreclosure.

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to accept the Inspector's report for March 2015. Seconded by, Al Cummings. **Motion passes.***

Nurse Report for April 2015

- a) Dividing time between the various senior communities.
- b) Spoke to Roberta Potter about the possibility of doing a seminar later in the summer.
- c) Monitoring Maven and inputting.
- d) Organizing the office and the files as time allows.

*Al Cummings **motioned** to accept the Nurse's report for April 2015. Seconded by, Christopher Boutwell. **Motion passes.***

Hearing regarding Carroll's Market Meat Counter and possible revocation of Food Service Permit and restricting this store to the sale of only pre-packaged retail food.

Guests: Sangita. Patel and Kunal Patel.

Note: Mr. Boutwell left the room during this hearing due to possible conflict of interest.

There have been consistent complaints regarding Carroll's Market since 2007. On April 2, 2015 the BOH got a complaint regarding a foul odor that smelled like a "dirty diaper". Kathern Pierce did an inspection and found out of date food and expired outdated meat in the freezers. The meats and perishables seem to be the focus of the complaints. Gina McNeely visited the store on April 8, 2015 and found several packages of hamburger that was rotten along with other meats. The store policy might be to hold the food to the sale date and then freeze it. An issue occurs when the customer brings it home and the process continues and is then out of date. The son, Kunal Patel has come back from Florida to manage the store and he is currently Servsafe certified and will continue to be involved in and overseeing and the daily operations of the business. Between the meat business and the Tobacco Regulations going into effect the business is being crippled financially with these changes. Kunal wants to save Carroll's Market for his parents and the redevelopment of Millers Falls. He has had to shut down another family business in Greenfield (Super John's) due to new tobacco regulations and loss of sales. Kunal wants to prosper at the Millers Falls location and will sell more of the prepackaged and pre-sliced meats to keep a handle on expiration dates and maintain the product base. Gina McNeely suggested some local stores that might have Butchers available if he would like to continue to offer a meat counter.

*Al Cummings **motioned** to keep the cease and desist order on file but for now allow the store to open up the meat counter. If there are any further issues they will have to come before the board and the meat counter will be shut down. Seconded by, Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.** Christopher Boutwell abstained.*

Sign January 21, 2015 approved *Regulation of the Montague Board of Health Restricting the Sale of Tobacco Products*

Signed by all Board of Health members 5/6/2015.

*Al Cummings **motioned** to adjourn the Board of Health meeting at 6:15 PM. Seconded by, Michael Nelsons **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:15 PM

Approved by: _____

Date: _____